

Abstract of the Invention

Methods and compositions for treatment, diagnosis,  
and prevention of a virus comprise administering to a  
patient antibodies which react with regions of viral  
5 proteins and result in neutralization of infectivity  
and inactivation of functionally essential events in  
the life cycle of the virus. The antibodies recognize  
viral epitopes which fail to elicit an immune response  
in man when encountered through infection or naturally  
10 through the environment. In a preferred embodiment,  
the invention provides compositions and methods useful  
in the treatment and diagnosis of human  
immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections.